

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0008] in the application with the following revised paragraph:

[0008] In one of r more embodiments of the invention, the thickness or depth around the rod of the substance for application is greater in the groove(s) than on the sides. According to these embodiments, the substance which flows along the rod when the applicator is removed from the receptacle thus reaches the bundle of bristles preferentially in a substantially central region of said bundle, so that the substance can be spread under good conditions. The quantity of substance reaching the sides of the brush is small.

Please replace paragraph [0009] in the application with the following revised paragraph:

[0009] As mentioned above, the rod may include a second groove, opposite the first, and the applicator may be symmetrical about a mid plane. The two grooves can thus be symmetrical about a mid-plane parallel to the long axis X, but it is within the scope of the present invention for the grooves to be of different shapes.

Please replace paragraph [0015] in the application with the following revised paragraph:

[0015] Close to the longitudinal ends along the long axis X of the housing, the walls of the rod may be relatively thin. Thus, in an embodiment of the invention, the rod may have a wall thickness around the housing that is smaller when measured at a longitudinal end of the housing than when measured mid-way along the housing.

Please replace paragraph [0047] in the application with the following revised paragraph:

[0047] It will be understood of course that the invention is not limited to the embodiment described above. In particular, it is possible to modify the shape of the housing and/or the shape of the end portion of the rod in which said housing is made. By way of example, Figures 6 to 12 show various, non limited examples of possible shapes of the housing, from among other possible shapes.